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FIRE-PROOF BUILDINGS.

In these days, when fires are so numerous and so destructive, and when even the most carefully constructed buildings are found to be utterly insufficient to withstand the progress of the devouring element, the only way to ensure the safety of human life is in the construction of fire escapes.

If there are no such things as fire-proof buildings, we must provide for the preservation of human life in some other way. It is a matter of the utmost importance, therefore, that all buildings, and especially those which are occupied by large numbers of persons, should be amply provided with means of escape in case of a fire. And the first consideration of those who have charge of such buildings should be to see that such means are supplied.

Now it is an interesting question for us to determine how safe we are. Suppose that a fire should start near the staircase, in any one of the sections of our buildings as they are now arranged. If this should happen on one of the lower floors, there would be absolutely no escape for the occupants of any of the upper stories. They would have the alternative of perishing in the flames or jumping from windows, some twenty or thirty feet from the ground. In the latter case he would be indeed fortunate who should escape without serious injury, if not loss of life. There are no ladders near the college which could be used in case of an emergency. The perilous leap from the windows would afford the only means of escape; and when we add to this the fact that there are so many opportunities for the beginning of a conflagration, that

there is such a quantity of fire in use all over the buildings, and especially the dormitories, at all hours, both of night and day; when we consider the number of lamps which are in use every night, and of necessity among so many, there are not a few instances of careless handling of kerosene; the large amount of tobacco which is smoked daily, a great deal of it in the dangerous form of cigarettes; and the multitude of stoves, many of them of inferior construction, which are in use all winter long; when we put all these things together, we cannot but see the admirable opportunity which is here offered for a first-class holocaust.

It may be said, of course, that there are as many watchers, as many men to guard as there are lamps or cigars; but who, in the long winter nights, stands sentinel over the thin sheet-iron stove, freighted as it is with its load of glowing coals, or who guards the base-burner, the drum of which is continually filled with a most inflammable gas? And even if these things were most carefully watched over, we should be far from enjoying perfect security. Men may say, too, that there is but a small possibility of a fire here. Ever since the college was founded, these buildings have stood exposed to the same dangers, and guarded by the same precautions. But this is not demonstrative evidence that they will never burn. Does such argument exculpate from the charge of neglect the proprietor of that manufactory in Center street, New York, where so many poor operatives perished last winter? That building had stood for some time, and moreover, it was filled all day by the employees of the firm, but none of these

facts prevented the rise and spread of the fire, and that too, in the heart of a city which is provided with the most efficient fire department in the land. Instead, therefore, of taking example from the past, and continuing without any means of security, the better course is to thank Providence for past safety and make some exertions of ourselves for the time to come.

That time, as far as our present buildings are concerned, is, to be sure, comparatively short, but it is better to be on the safe side for four years, than to live as we are now.

Two plans for obviating our difficulty, naturally present themselves. The first is the use of the regular patent fire escape, and the second is to connect the sections by passages similar to that on the ground floor of Brownell Hall.

These methods are, however, both objectionable. The first is inadmissible because of the expense attending it, and the latter, while it would contribute very materially to the convenience of the students, is, nevertheless, hardly practicable on account of the large amount of space which it would require, and which, in our present crowded state, could hardly be spared. There is another way, however, which is open to neither of these objections, and which would accomplish the desired end as readily as either of them. This way is to put sky-lights in the roof over each section, making the roof accessible by means of a ladder. Thus, at a very moderate cost, and without occupying any room which is now useful for other purposes, we should have a most excellent means of escape. In the event of a fire in one of the lower stories, those rooming above could easily escape by the roof, and make their way out of the building through either of the other sections. Thus, our buildings, instead of being, as now, the most perfect fire-traps imaginable, will be made as safe as could be desired. Will not our Trustees take the hint at their approaching meeting, and by so doing relieve

the students of all anxiety on this subject?

We are not grumbling or "old womanish," but we do like to be sure of safety both to life and limb.

COLLEGE ECCENTRICITIES.

Every man has or ought to have, something about him, particularly characteristic of himself, for without this he has nothing to distinguish him from the common crowd, which one meets at every turn, and notices only to forget them at the next. Now these characteristics often take eccentric forms, giving a man a long or peculiar shaped nose, hair of some marked tint or hue, legs, beside which bean poles are as nothing, or a general loose construction, which might be called lop sided, peculiarities which will stick to them through life, and which will never be forgotten.

But I would write more particularly of those which seem to crop out only in college life, and the field is a broad one, for a collegiate course presents a splendid opportunity for these to appear. They can be noticed in the Freshman, who, after having spent two hours of hard study on some lesson, rushes frantically around just before recitation, asking everybody if they have seen his book, throwing in incidentally that "he hasn't looked at his lesson," and then goes in and recites perfectly. Does he think that he is imposing upon any one? Well, perhaps he does, poor little fellow, (we had almost said fool,) but he may rest assured that no one is taken in, except perhaps some few of his classmates as green as himself. Another on his first arrival talks of obeying, to the letter, all the old laws of the original statutes. We watch his development, and ere a fortnight has passed, that is all forgotten, and he is trying to assume all the airs of a long resident at college.

It never does to trust to fate. So thought a Sophomore once, when, though by some means fair or foul, one of the examination papers had fallen into the hands of the class, and the contents had been crammed by all,

yet he, in a provident sort of way, took in the whole book to examination, and was the only man to get through, for the questions had been changed. Only think of the feelings of the rest of the class, enraged at themselves because they had not done likewise.

A thing of this sort will be always remembered—even perhaps after the name has been forgotten. When our aged Professor Jim was trying to recall an old graduate's name, suddenly he broke out, "Oh, I can't get his name, but he was the fellow that used to box so much with Mr. — up in that end section." So it is one is remembered by his being a little gay and festive, another by his sedativeness while in college. Whatever a fellow does is sure to be known and canvassed by his college mates, and hence in college we get a pretty good insight into each other's character.

A fellow one day will meet you as a friend, and the next, because of some fancied slight, will pass you by without a recognition. Well, by this time we know in what estimation to hold him. We meet the conceited man often in our course, the man to whom nothing is so hard that he cannot learn it in half the time it would take another. The over bashful man is seldom met, the man of a high moral tone, sometimes really, but more often, where it is affected. The man of little religion and the one of high ritualistic tendencies, occasionally are to be met. For the study of the lights and shades of character no place or time can afford a better opportunity than a college and a college course.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We do not think we could reasonably be accused of a very wide departure from the usually truthful tenor of our way, if we should say that almost the commonest question that is asked nowadays at Trinity is "Did you sign that subscription for — this morning?" or, "Can't you put your name down for a small sum to keep our word with the —?" or something of like import. In fact a few forms

of questions conveying about the same idea expressed in the above examples have become stereotyped phrases, and when a conversation flags it has become quite as fashionable to allude to some subscription-paper as to the never-failing subject of the weather.

It seems to us that the greater part of the good they do is to afford a theme on which to dilate after all the usual topics of conversation are worn out; and it takes so long to wear this topic out that it generally lasts as long as we care to talk. Some Freshman who is interested in getting statistics of every description, might find profitable employment in keeping an account of the number of subscriptions taken up in a year. I think if some one should publish such a statement most of us would be startled. For when we think of it we will remember that at almost any time some one can be seen on the campus rushing around from one to another with a subscription paper (and a lead-pencil always ready in case his victim should be unprovided, and so get away), soliciting something from each, whatever it may be. There is always some object for a student to display his benevolence and the length of his purse on.

When we came here as Freshmen, we do not think things were as they are now, and yet we do not think it is owing so much to us, as to a change in times. The stream seems to be ever increasing, and, what is the worst feature of it, the position of a student is very similar to that of the rustic in the fable—it is impossible to stand on the bank until the wave flows by.

The circulator of a subscription paper is not to be escaped. If you see him on the campus and go to your room in hopes of shunning him in that way, you are sure to be deceived, for he will certainly see your flank movement and follow; and if you leave your room, and go to see a friend, who has already "come down," you are sure to meet him on the way, or find him sitting in your friend's easy chair as if waiting on purpose for you. And when

he has once found you there is no escape until you have complied with his demands. If you do not submit at once he will immediately become eloquent on some theme calculated to arouse your generosity. If you are a society-man, and a dance is the question under consideration, he will enlarge on the pleasure to be derived from the society of young ladies, and will talk about dancing until he gets most anything he wants. If you happen not to be a society-man, he says that college customs ought to be kept up, and whatever is undertaken should be well executed, so you give something purely out of patriotism. Other reasons are given to those who will accept neither of these, and so nearly every one gives something. After a short time all this is forgotten, and another plan is immediately set afoot.

But although this forced benevolence (for we must call it so) on the part of some, and this energy in furthering their pet schemes on the part of others, cannot, as it now exists, be considered very laudable, yet if it were turned in the right direction and confined to narrower limits, might become very commendable. As it now is, too much selfishness is displayed in the choice of objects for which money is solicited. Students are too apt to seek only their own pleasure, and often that is only temporary. The greater part of the money raised in the course of a year is spent on *amusements* of different kinds—*dances*, *suppers*, etc.—which is certainly not right.

We have not seen a subscription-paper in general circulation in the interests of boating. It seems to be the general opinion that the Boat Club rather than the whole college ought to support the crew, and this we think is a wrong one. The crew was chosen from the college and not from the Boat Club, for some of the men did not join the Boat Club until they were put on the crew.

But now that the crew have money enough from other sources to carry them safely through, would it not be well to try to raise

funds for a Ball Nine? We certainly have material enough in college to form a club that would reflect credit on themselves and on all with whom they are connected, as has been shown to some extent in former years. Nothing would advertise the college better, or make it known more than a good nine, and we think every one would give his heartiest support to such an undertaking. Perhaps it is too late this year to start it, but when next term opens it should be attended to, before we again rush blindly into such promiscuous and worthless undertakings.

CHAIRS.

Next to his stove, the student possesses no article of furniture more valuable or necessary than his chair; by putting the word "chair" in the singular I do not mean to imply that he has but one, for though this is often the case it is not an universal rule; nevertheless I forbear putting it in the plural, because I wish to hint that there can really be but one comfortable resting place for a fellow in his room. You enter a student's room and there are, no doubt, from three to half a dozen straight-backed, cane-bottomed, light, good-for-nothing-but-to-break, seats which you may employ in any way you please: you can throw them at a friend, ward off attacks with them, carve your initials on them, and if they are pretty far gone, borrow them for fire-wood, in all of which cases their possessor will not object; but there is one, *the chair*, *par excellence*, which you cannot touch; its back has been broken, perhaps, and it has to be placed in a corner to keep the absence of one of its legs from being noticed, yet it is the easy-chair in which many a quiet smoke has been had, over which many a friendly fight has been fought, and, as such, deserves to be well cared for in its old age.

One of the first deeds done by a Freshman is to buy a "study-chair;" when he becomes a Sophomore, the same seat becomes a "scuffling-chair," which everybody rushes for on

entering the room, and over which Sophomoric muscle is displayed; as a Junior he smokes his pipe in his "easy-chair," and finally, a Senior, he mounts his dignity, puts on his thinking-cap and seats himself on, or rather in, a something which may be called a "chair of reflection," though by the profane it is sometimes mentioned as "Tom's or John's loafing-place."

So both master and favorite resting place have degenerated; once so bright and slick and fresh looking, round and even, without any cracks and corners, now both of them with angles and rough edges; morally out at the elbows and perhaps literally also. Yet with that chair, in after years, the brightest memories are connected. In it a life was planned. You remember it still and long for it always, more especially since the reality has proved so different. How pleasant it is, after making a call on some friend or other, and after being seated on some stiff and awkward seat, to return home and drop yourself lazily in your own easy lounging place; every bone in your body seems to have found some corner to rest in, no stiff bend around the back catches you between the shoulders. We can understand how people get attached to umbrellas and still persist in using them though long since worn out, yet they are sure to be stolen, sooner or later. The same objection can be urged against hats and general, and besides, they are always going out of fashion, but who will steal your old chair? and then, it never goes out of fashion; the older it gets the more original it will look.

Poetry has been composed addressed to old rooms, tables, clothes, pens, and various other articles too numerous to mention, yet few have thought their old chairs worthy of mention. We never write verses, and so our old friend the easy-chair is as yet unnoticed; nevertheless we have *felt* poetry often and often, when seated on its comfortable lap, thinking of the future and making castles in the air.

MINOR MATTERS.

BOATING.

The crew seem to be training up in good style: none of them are allowed to use tobacco, or to drink liquid in any shape or form. On account of the high moral standing of our representatives at the next regatta, the latter prohibition does not effect them much, though the loss of the weed is severely felt. The crew appear to be "well up" as far as muscle is concerned, and with a little severe training, they will, no doubt, be "heard from" at the coming race. We are sorry to hear of the sickness of Mr. Chase, '73, one of our most effective oars; we hope, however, that it is not of so serious a nature as to prevent his rowing at the coming contest.

MESMERISM.

Much fun was occasioned the other evening, by several of the students going on the stage of the Opera House, in order to be mesmerised by a couple of men who pretend to do that sort of thing. One student was really under the influence of the will of this operator several times, being unable to bend his arm, open his eyes, drop a stick, and several other things of the sort, when told that he could not. A very witty Sophomore "sold" the experimenter rather badly by pretending to be mesmerised, and acting so as to let his friends, who were seated just below, see through the joke. These experiments in mesmerism will be continued for some time, we believe, and if the reader wishes to enjoy a *good* hearty laugh, let him go down and witness them.

CLOSE CUTS

may be seen on the heads of many of the students. The *mania* for having the hair cut very short seems to be contagious; two weeks ago only one of the bald-heads could be found, now there are fifteen or more in the same predicament. We admit that it does not improve one's looks to lose all their hair, yet it is so comfortable.

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COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

Cram! Cram! Grind! Grind! Blessed be the man who originated the saying, "Examinations are a bore." We, the study-oppressed Editor, never see an infant drawn around in a carriage or trotted about on its nurse's knee without envying it. The condition of a boot-black or newspaper-carrier is

too blissful even to be envied; we never expect to arrive at such a state of happiness, at any rate, never while we have examinations on hand. In our humble opinion more time should be given to students for studying up reviews and generally getting ready for the dreadful ordeal. A Professor remarked to us the other day, that any man who went over the studies of the year critically and carefully, on the advance, need fear nothing on an examination; well, that is a very truthful remark, but when one considers that at most, only one-quarter of a class goes over their recitations in such a manner, it is not worth much. We do not say, remember, that it is the fault of the Professors that students do not study as hard as they ought, at the proper time; we admit that we are to blame in nearly every instance, but, at the same time, we hold that if the reviews were made more carefully and with less haste, there would be no need for "cramming." Nineteen pages of German, for example, might be considered a little too much for a review lesson.

The front Campus looks more beautiful than ever in its summer dress, and is the best place we know of to enjoy a quiet smoke.

The Faculty have wisely extended the number of absences, allowable before suspension, to twenty-three instead of fifteen, as heretofore. There are very few men who can go six months without cutting at least fifteen times, and it does seem a little absurd to send one off for not attending a few Chapel Services, more or less.

The Sophomore class seem to have a strong suspicion that the Lemon Squeezer has been awarded to the class of '76; whether their fears are groundless or not, Class Day alone can reveal. It is undoubtedly true that one evening, not many weeks ago, terrible noises were heard down near Mulberry Street, and certain Juniors were seen returning to College with pleased looks on their faces, cigars in their mouths and queer looking sticks in their hands. There are the facts, judge for your-

self. Microscopic specimens of the best sort can be obtained from the Trout Brook water; we succeeded in capturing some beautiful ones the other afternoon; indeed we capture several thousands daily, without doubt. We all know that water of every sort is filled with animalcules, but unless we see them, we care not; yet when they grow so large that they are seen, distinctly, with the naked eye, and tickle the palate when swallowed, it gets to be annoying. Having learned that a single drop of whiskey would kill a tumbler full of these wretches, we determined to try the experiment; but, alas for all human calculations! the only effect produced was that they all got tight and allowed themselves to be caught the more easily.

Since writing the above we have been told by a scientific Senior that only *an internal application* of liquor will destroy them, and though strictly temperance we feel it our duty to succumb to dire necessity and employ the prescribed remedy.

"Where are you going to spend the summer?" is now the stereotyped question; next comes the discussion as to whether the town of "A" is hotter than the village of "B," each man insisting that his part of the country is the coolest place, next to the poles perhaps, that can be found upon the globe.

We are sorry to receive so few contributions to the TABLET. Our paper, being a College affair, should be supported by all the students; let each Freshman remember that no piece worthy of publication will be rejected, never mind from whom it comes; we rely upon the upper-classmen for that generous support in our Editorial duties which has been so often promised but never extended.

PRIZE VERSION DECLAMATIONS.

These declamations were delivered in the College Cabinet on Thursday evening, May 29th, our President, Dr. Jackson, presiding. The selections this year were from Latin authors, and were well chosen. The first speak-

er was Mr. Edward W. Worthington, '75, who delivered his extract, the oration of Caius Marius *pro Semetipso*, in a very scholarly manner. The character of his piece was quiet, and while it did not admit of much diversity in the gesturing, it received all it needed to bring it vividly before the hearers.

Mr. William H. Bulkley, '73, followed him with one of Cicero's denunciations of Marc Antony. The speaker was rather unfortunate in the selection he received, for being unable to give the vehemence which was due to his extract he tried to overcome this by a rapid speech, which took much away from the force of his declamation. This was but a slight fault compared with the whole effect of his piece, and did not mar to any great extent the impression it was calculated to make.

Mr. Rodney M. Edwards, '74, was the third speaker. His selection was from Livy, the oration of Appius Claudius against the Licinian Rogations. This speaker had a good voice and ought to have used it to greater advantage; as it was, his delivery was almost too slow, and he did not use enough gestures to carry off this defect. The English of his extract was remarkably good, and we are sorry he did not approach nearer to the vigor of the original speech, which was essentially one of action.

Mr. Oliver H. Raftery, '73, followed with the appeal of Adherbal to the Roman Senate. He was fortunate in his selection, and he did full justice to it. It was a piece of dignified feeling which at times grew to be almost pathetic, and the speaker, speaking throughout with dignity and grace, threw himself thoroughly into the speech. It was the best piece of the evening and well deserved the prize which was accorded to it.

Mr. Edward M. Dickerson next delivered an oration against Publius Cornelius Scipio. It seems too bad that a speaker, having a good voice and knowing how to use it well, should spoil his declamation by inappropriate and ungraceful gestures, but it was the case here

and if he had remedied this fault, he would have done much better, and would have made a far greater impression upon the audience.

The last speaker was Mr. George M. Hubbard, '75, who delivered selections from the orations of Calgacus to the British and Agricola to the Roman army. His selection was, in itself considered, the best, and in the hands of another could have been made a powerful speech; but the speaker spoiled it by adding to awkward gesturing, too great and too sustained a volume of sound, the tone of which was good, but too loud for the College Cabinet. With training the person might make an effective speaker, but at present, we can only wish him better success in future.

At the close of the exercises, the Judges, Lieut. Gov. Sill and Dr. Russell, of Hartford, and Hon. J. R. Babcock of New Haven, retired to consult about the bestowal of the prize, but soon returned, and the President, with the usual explanatory remarks, stated that the prize had been awarded to Mr. Raftery.

The exercises, as a whole, passed off very satisfactorily, and were fully up to the standard of previous years, though some may croak about the "good old times."

The English of the extracts was particularly good, and all the pieces showed the effect of careful study. The performance was very satisfactory and highly creditable to all that engaged in it.

THE ATHLETIC EXHIBITION.

The first public exhibition of the Athletic Association was given in the gymnasium on Thursday evening, June 5th, before a large number of invited guests. As this was the first attempt at anything of the sort in Trinity there was considerable anxiety felt as to its success.

The result, however, was eminently gratifying, and the members of the Association may congratulate themselves on a success which far exceeded the most sanguine expectations.

At half past seven o'clock the gymnasium

was filled with a good audience, all available room being occupied. The pleasure of the occasion was enhanced by the presence of a large number of the fair daughters of Hartford, and we feel constrained to say that the attention of non-performing students was very much divided between the ladies and the Athletes, the former getting the larger share, as they deserved. We do not, however, say this in disparagement of the performers, who did excellently.

The exercises were opened with a neat speech by Watts, '73, who briefly stated the object of the Association, and sketched an outline of the work which it proposes to do in the future, and, after giving the spectators a hearty welcome in the name of the club, announced the opening of the programme by a performance on the parallel bars.

The exhibition lasted about an hour and a half, and was very well carried out. We have seldom seen better performing even by professionals. We have not space enough to give the details of the programme, but nevertheless feel obliged to mention the excellent combination performances of Messrs. Murray '73, Cook, '73, and Cotton '74, which were beyond criticism. The horizontal bar exercises also were very good, and as for tumbling, the universal desire of the spectators was that there had been twice as much as was given. We hope that in future exhibitions this feature will be made much more prominent, as it was one of the most pleasing parts of the programme.

At half past nine the audience left with the fact firmly impressed on their minds that Trinity men are as proficient in muscle as they are in mind, and that we amply deserve the glorious prospects for the future which are now opening before us.

An impromptu German followed the close of the exercises, and served admirably to fulfil the happiness and satisfaction of the Trinity undergraduates at the complete success of their first annual athletic exhibition.

PERSONALS.

BEARDSLEY, '32. E. E. Beardsley, D. D., has resigned his position as registrar of the Diocese of Connecticut, and the Rev. Wm. H. Vibbert, '58, has been appointed in his place.

FISHER, '42. Rev. C. R. Fisher has been appointed one of the chaplains of the Connecticut legislature.

RIDER, '50. Rev. George T. Rider has moved his school for young ladies, from Poughkeepsie to Tarrytown.

KENNETT, '70. Luther M. Kennett was graduated from the Columbia Law School, on the 15th. of May, and has since gone to St. Louis.

NICHOLS, '70. Rev. William Nichols was ordained on June 5th., by Bishop Williams. He will continue to act as the Bishop's Secretary, and will also be an assistant to the Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Middletown.

STOUT, '70. John K. Stout has turned to literary pursuits, and has a position on the "Daily Express," in Easton, Penn.

WHITLOCK, '70. Rev. H. R. Whitlock, who was recently ordained at Middletown, will take charge of the mission at Rockville, Conn.

HUDSON, '71. Rev. Robert Hudson, who has just been ordained, will act as assistant to the Rev. Wm. A. Hitchcock, of '54, in Binghamton, N. Y.

CHASE, '72. Horace R. Chase expects to attend Columbia Law School next year.

ZIEGLER, '72. Paul Ziegler is soon going to Germany to continue his theological studies there.

PARTICLES.

Juniors are having a foretaste of *Annual* in daily reviews.—A Sophomore lately exonerated himself from studying Cicero on Sunday by saying that he was pulling an ass out of the pit.—Particle has been greatly

amused lately by some of the ridiculous mistakes and answers made in the recitation-room, in consequence of long, and as a matter of course, imperfectly prepared lessons.—An overworked Junior reciting Craik, in answer to the question, "What fate did Daniel share in common with many writers of the same period?" said, "Why, sir, he—he—oh yes sir! he *died*."—Curious constructions have been put upon some passages of Juvenal. The sentence "Comminus ursos Figebat Numidas Albana nudus arena Venator," was rendered, "He fought naked Numidian bears in the Alban arena." Another rendered the passage, "Magno cum rhinocerote cum lavari Qui solet," "Who was accustomed to wash the great rhinoceros."—The sciences too, have furnished their share of *bulls*. One man, on being questioned as to where he got his plus, or some equally perplexing matter, replied, that he took it on faith, but was told with a bland smile that faith belonged to theology rather than to mathematics.—Another, in speaking of the rainless region of Peru, remarked incidentally, that the Egyptians used to preserve dead bodies there.—The *Ivy* is at last out, and surpasses our most sanguine expectations. Don't fail to buy a copy.—"Look at those cunuli up yonder," said a Junior to his friend. "Oh! come, you lie!" answered he, "they are Strati." "They are better off than you, then, for you are crooked-eyed," responded the first.—A student who had been caught studying in chapel, went and asked the professor how he did it, and on being told that he watched him, said, "I suppose it's all right, it's carrying out the scriptural maxim, 'Watch and pray.'"

COMMENCEMENT.

Chapel Service at 9½ A. M.

The procession will be formed on the campus at ½ past 10 o'clock, in the following order:

1. Colt's Armory Band.

2. Undergraduates in reverse order of classes.

3. Chancellor and Board of Trustees.

4. Board of Fellows.

5. Officers of House of Convocation.

6. Faculty of the College.

7. Graduating Class.

8. Governor and State Officers.

9. Mayor and City Authorities,

10. City Clergy.

11. Alumni of the College and of other Colleges.

12. Wardens and Vestries of City Churches.

13. Officers and Teachers of the Public Schools.

14. Officers of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, and of the Retreat for the Insane.

The procession will go down College and up Main street to Robert's Opera House where the exercises will begin at 11 o'clock.

LEWIS M. PLUMER, *College Marshal.*

COLLEGE CLIPPINGS.

BOWDOIN.

Oh! the innocence of Freshmen! One of them recently got off the following:

Prof. to Scientific Freshman—"In what kind of weather do we usually have thunder?"

Fresh—"In stormy weather, sir."

What is this, *cheek* or *cunning*?

Miss F. (to Junior who seldom makes calls).

"Why do you call on me, Mr. E.? Calling is contrary to your custom, I believe."

Junior (who is very frank). "I will not deceive you: it is because I *like* you."

Miss F. thinks that subject is exhausted, and speaks of the weather.—*Orient.*

DARTMOUTH.

The last number of this well edited monthly has an excellent article on "College Secret Societies," and though we do not agree with the author on every point, yet we think as he does, that some plan can be adopted so as to insure *independent* action among students, with regard to class and college elections.

The Seniors are having but two recitations a

day, and indulge in the hope that the number will not be again increased.

HARVARD.

What is the difference between the Massachusetts Legislature and Harvard College? One is opposed to X ale, and the other to Y ale.

SCENE, APPLETON CHAPEL. *After the hymn and before the prayer.*

AGED PROFESSOR (to student at end of bench). Why is yonder organ like unto a widow?

ASTONISHED STUDENT. Give it up.

AGED PROF. Verily, because it needs *re-pairing*!

AST. STUD. *blushes behind his pocket Bible.*—*Magenta.*

The "Advocate" has grown so poetical in its contents, that it has begun to turn its advertisements into rhyme. Witness this:

"You are hale, Senior Filkins," the Freshman said.

"How kommen sle so?" said he:

"I prythee tell me from what scholarly head
How this thus and thus this may be!"

"You are fresh, Freshman Wilkins," the Senior said.

"Now listen the while to me,
And I'll tell thee a tale from my scholarly head
How hic sic and sic hic may be!"

"You must train, Freshman Wilkins,—go early to bed,
You must dig paulatin like me,
You must eat quantum suf. of beef and of bread,
Then drink soda, my boy, like me!"

"You are wise, Senior Filkins," the Freshman said.

"Ou va-t-il cet soda," said he,

"The optimus kind, not the slops that I dread
Semper passim to put into me?"

"Tis well, Freshman Wilkins, that question you put.
E pluribus unum!" said he:

"That unum is Hubbard, his Soda is goot,
And, Freshman, I'll take one with thee!"

Did the author of the *three songs* in a recent number of the *Advocate*, compose those verses at twilight, while pensively gazing at the gorgeous coloring of the label on a box of fragrant "Fruits and Flowers?" We thought the inspiration of them must have emanated from some such source, for verily, they contain some rather startling metaphors.

MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

How often those "gay young Sophomores" do get into scrapes and such like. Wasn't this rather rough on one of them, although it does show that some little *familiarity* must have existed between him and his "fair adorable?"

A Sophomore had his pocket picked at the

show. He says he felt a hand in his pocket, but thought it was his girl's, and so he let her work.

How is this for Dutch!

The Junior Germans, wishing to see the show pass by, resorted to the following commendable method for getting out of recitation in time:

"HERR PROF. HARRISON,—Woolen Sie so gut sein zu lassen uns gehen an to Uhr ins Campus zu sehen den Circus gehe durch die Stadt?"

The above petition was signed by most of the class, and handed in to the professor. It was enough; such a proof of the efficiency of his class could not be overlooked by the *genial* professor. He let them go, as a reward of merit. Isn't that better than a bolt?

PRINCETON.

The Nassau Lit. is before us, with its usual abundance of good reading matter. We cannot, however, concur in the high regard in which it holds the offering of an essay prize, for it seems to us, that if the prize essay, in the present number is a fair example, the tendency of the action would be to call forth articles altogether too *heavy* to suit college readers.

The article on "Voluntary Chapel," contains many sound arguments, and is just our idea of the thing. We clip the following sentence, taken originally from the *Christian Union*, which says, "Human nature does not undergo an essential change by undergoing a college matriculation. It appears to us that the more truly 'voluntary' all praying can be made everywhere, the more and the better it will be done."

RUTGERS.

The study of German does not seem to be very well adapted to the comprehension of Juniors. Reports are heard all over, of blunders and mistakes, and of the hard time all have in recitation. This is the latest:

In a recitation in German, a Junior accused Maria Stuart of being a sister to a monkey.

TUTOR IN MATH.—What is the value of a Pi?

BRIGHT STUDENT.—Fifteen cents over at Clark's. Cheapest place in town.

The young ladies of our Boarding Schools could appropriately consider themselves steamers, as (College) *swells* are forever following them.

PROF. OF RHETORIC.—What is the peculiarity of a macaronic piece?

STUDENT.—Why it's a long round thing, with no pith in it, and I'll be hanged if I like it!

YALE.

Here is an item, good all the year round:—The past week has been remarkable for skinning and flunking.

Isn't he beginning it rather young? And then to think of *performing* this in the presence of a third person:

A Freshman and one of his female friends are anxious for an engagement in some artist's studio, where they may officiate as models for any one who may desire to paint a copy of *Les Hu-genots*.

How natural this is:

FRESH.—"Can I go to New York, sir?"

PROF.—"Why?"

FRESH.—"I want to see my mother."

PROF.—"That's very natural."

FRESH.—"My mother wants to see me too."

PROF.—"Well, that's very natural also."

FRESH.—"May I go?"

PROF.—"No."

—*Yale Courant*.

A Senior was overheard to ask Prof. Dana if the temperature was colder during the "*Glacial Period*." The professor replied that most scientific men accepted that theory.

PROF. IN RHETORIC.—(speaking of sublimity) "If you should go out on a winter's night and look up into the starry sky, what sort of a feeling would you have?"

FRESHMAN.—"I should feel cold, sir."

That man in the Junior class who wears wire garters to shorten his shirt sleeves has a story to tell. Last Sunday, while coming out of Trinity, one of these articles, having worked down, slipped over his hand on to the floor. A young lady, thinking that it had a familiar look, gazed at it with horror, shrunk back, and then, with a fearful swoop, bore it away in haste. This man swears he will wear nothing in the future but *gents'* furnishing goods.

A Junior bet \$2. on the Harvard nine, and then, fearing he was going to lose, bought off his bet for 25 cents. He wishes he hadn't.

Who hasn't been caught just that same way? Well, live and learn, is the rule in college life.—*Record*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A step in the right direction.—Chapel exercises are voluntary in the University of California and at Brown, the attendance at church on Sunday, has recently been made voluntary.

When may a man be said to make both ends meet? When he never opens his mouth without "putting his foot into it."—*Owl*.

Here is another way of doing the same thing:—Claibe is attempting to "make both ends meet," if we may judge from the length of his hair and boots.—*Geyser*.

A Senior recently spent the whole day preparing, as he said, to escort a young lady to church in the evening. He was afterwards seen on his way to church with a blooming damsel of fifty summers.—*Western Collegian*.

The following notice is said to have been posted in the vestibule of one of the churches of this city: "Niggers and students will please take seats in the galleries, and these seats will not be cushioned until rented for a year."—*Chronicle*.

The Cornell *Era* has a devil equal to any emergency, as the following, written to complete a column, will testify:

The devil jumped up to the case in a rage,
And set up two lines to fill up this page.

There has been an increased interest in Athletic sports, all over, this Spring, and college students have been doing a great deal in the way of base ball. We give the results of a few inter-collegiate games:

May 10th., first game. Yale 9 vs. Princeton 2. May 21st., second game, Yale 9, vs. Princeton 10. May 22d., third game, Harvard 1, vs. Princeton 3. In the two previous games Princeton was defeated. May 24th., first game, Yale 15, vs. Harvard 16. May 31st., second game, Yale 5, vs. Harvard 29. May 31st., first game, Yale '76, 4, vs. Harvard '76, 25.

With regard to boating, the following is a list of the members of some of the University crews who are to row in the coming regatta at Springfield:

AMHERST.—Ward (stroke), Scoville, Brown, Booth, Logan, Brewer.

BOWDOIN.—Crocker (stroke), *Hunter*, *Sargeant*, Ladd, *Robinson*, Crane (bow).

CORNELL.—Dutton (stroke), Ferris, King, Southard, Phillips, Ostrom, Anderson, (bow).

DARTMOUTH.—Paul (stroke), Eaton, Lee, Underhill, Ward, Lawrence (bow).

HARVARD.—*Dana* (stroke), Bacon, *Morse*, Deland, *Goodwin*, Devens (bow).

TRINITY.—McKenna, Chase, Kane, Platt Murray, Bulkley.

WESLEYAN.—Adams, Neale, Liversey, Dorchester, Eustes, Stow (bow).

WILLIAMS.—*Gunster* (stroke), Eaton, *Worden*, *Saunders*, *Johnston*, Barnhart (bow).

YALE.—Cook (stroke), Myers, Cogswell, Kennedy, Waterman, Fowler (bow).

The names in italics are of the men who rowed in the last regatta.

G. A. T.

The latest libel suit is that of General Daniel Pratt, "the great American traveler and student's perpetual candidate for the presidency of the United States," against the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, for publishing in the *Christian Union* an article from the *Yale Courant*, which was itself a partial forgery, accompanied by comments "abusively styling Mr. Pratt the rival of George Francis Train." The damages are set down at \$100,000, though it is intimated that one night's use of Plymouth church, for the delivery of a lecture, with a dollar admission fee, may be accepted as a compromise.—*N. Y. Evening Post*.

BOOK NOTICE.

The life of James Williams, better known as "Professor Jim," for half a century janitor of Trinity College; by C. H. Proctor, of the class of 1873. For sale by Geer & Pond.

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LIST OF EXCHANGES.

The College Courant, New Haven, Ct.
 Albion Coll., Mich., *Annalist*.
 Amherst Coll. Amherst, Mass., *Amherst Student*.
 Antioch Coll., Yellow Springs, O., *Antiochian*.
 Blackburn Univ., Carlinville, Ill., *Blackb'n Gaz.*
 Bowdoin Coll., Brunswick, Me., *Orient*.
 Brown Univ., Providence, R. I., *Brunonian*.
 Bates Coll., Lewiston, Maine, *Bates Student*.
 Canadian Lit. Inst., Woodstock, Ont., *Tyro*.
 Central Coll., Fayette, Mo., *Central Collegian*.
 Chicago Univ., Chicago, Ill., *Volante*.
 Columbia Coll., New York City, *Cap and Gown*.
 Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N. Y., *Cornell Era*.
 Dalhousie Coll., Halifax, N. S., *Dalhousie Gaz.*
 Dartmouth Coll., Hanover, N. H., *Dartmouth*.
 Denison Coll., Granville, Ohio, *Denison Colleg'n*.
 Hamilton Coll. Clinton, N. Y., *Hamil'n Lit. Mag.*
 Harvard Coll., Cambridge, Mass., *Harvard Advocate*, *Magenta*.
 Hobart Coll., Geneva, N. Y., *Hobart Sentinal*.
 Ill. Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., *Alumni Journal*.
 Iowa State Univ., Iowa City, Iowa, *University Reporter*.
 Lafayette Coll., Easton, Pa., *Lafayette Monthly*.
 Lewisburg Univ., Lewisburg, Pa., *Coll. Herald*.
 Madison Univ., Hamilton, N. Y., *Madisonensis*.
 Marietta Coll., Marietta, Ohio, *Marietta Olio*.
 Michigan Univ., Ann Arbor, Mich., *Chronicle*.
 Madison, Wis., *University Press*.
 Ohio Wesleyan Univ., Delaware, Ohio, *Western Collegian*.
 Our Lady of Angels Sem., of Suspension Bridge, N. Y., *Index Niagarensis*.
 Packer Coll. Inst., Brooklyn, N. Y., *P'ker Q'rly*.
 Princeton Coll. Princ'n, N. J., *Nassau. Lit. Mag.*
 Racine Coll., Racine, Wis., *College Mercury*.
 Ripon Coll., Ripon, Wis., *College Days*.
 Rutger's Coll., New Brunswick, N. J., *Targum*.
 Santa Clara Coll., Santa Clara, Cal., *Owl*.
 Shurtleff Coll., Upper Alton, Ill., *Qui Vive*.
 Syracuse Univ., Syracuse, N. Y., *Univ. Herald*.
 Union Coll., Schenectady, N. Y., *Union Coll. Mag.*, *Spectator*.
 Upper Canada Coll., Toronto, *College Times*.
 Virginia Univ., Charlottesville, Va., *Va. Univ. Mag.*
 Wabash College, Indiana, *Geyser*.
 Washington Univ., St. Louis, Mo., *Irving Union*.
 Wesleyan Univ., Middletown, Ct., *Coll. Argus*.
 Western Univ., of Pa., Pittsburg, Pa., *College Journal*.
 Willams Coll., Williamstown, Mass., *Williams Review*, *Williams Vidette*.
 Yale Coll., New Haven, Ct., *Yale Lit. Mag.*
Yale Courant, *Yale Record*.
 City Papers, Hartford, Ct.

Daily Graphic, New York.
Church and State, New York City, (Box 6009.)
Gazette and Reporter, New York City. (41 Park Row.)
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